

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of depositing a silicon carbide on a substrate from a vapor phase or a liquid phase, comprising the steps of:  
depositing a silicon layer on the substrate;  
doping the silicon layer with an impurity composed of at least one element selected from a group consisting of N, B, Al, Ga, In, P, As, Sb, Se, Zn, O, Au, V, Er, Ge, and Fe, to form a doped silicon layer; and  
carbonizing the doped silicon layer into a silicon carbide layer of the silicon carbide doped with the impurity.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step, the doping step, and the carbonizing step are carried out during epitaxially growing a thin film on the substrate by the use of a chemical vapor deposition technique;  
the silicon layer deposition step being carried out by using a gas of a silane group or a dichlorosilane group as a silicon raw material while the carbonizing step is carried out by the use of an unsaturated carbohydrate gas.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step is followed by the doping step and the carbonizing step is carried out after the doping step.
4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step and the doping step are simultaneously carried out and are followed by the carbonizing step.
5. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the silicon layer depositing step and the doping step are simultaneously carried out while the carbonizing step is carried out when a predetermined time lapses after the start of both the silicon depositing and the doping steps.



13. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of:  
using, as a seed crystal, the doped silicon carbide obtained in claim 1;

and

further growing a silicon carbide on the seed crystal by a vapor deposition method, a sublimation re-crystallization method, or a liquid deposition method.

14. A silicon carbide having a region which has an impurity concentration gradient between  $1 \times 10^{22}/\text{cm}^4$  and  $4 \times 10^{24}/\text{cm}^4$  in the thickness direction.

15. A semiconductor device having the silicon carbide manufactured by the method claimed in claim 1.

16. A semiconductor device structured by the silicon carbide claimed in claim 14.

17. A method of depositing a silicon carbide doped with an impurity, comprising the steps of:

doping the impurity into a silicon to form a doped silicon; and  
carbonizing, after the doping, the doped silicon into the silicon carbide.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising the step of preparing an undoped silicon prior to the doping step.

19. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the impurity is composed of at least one element selected from a group consisting of N, B, Al, Ga, In, P, As, Sb, Se, Zn, O, Au, V, Er, Ge, and Fe.